

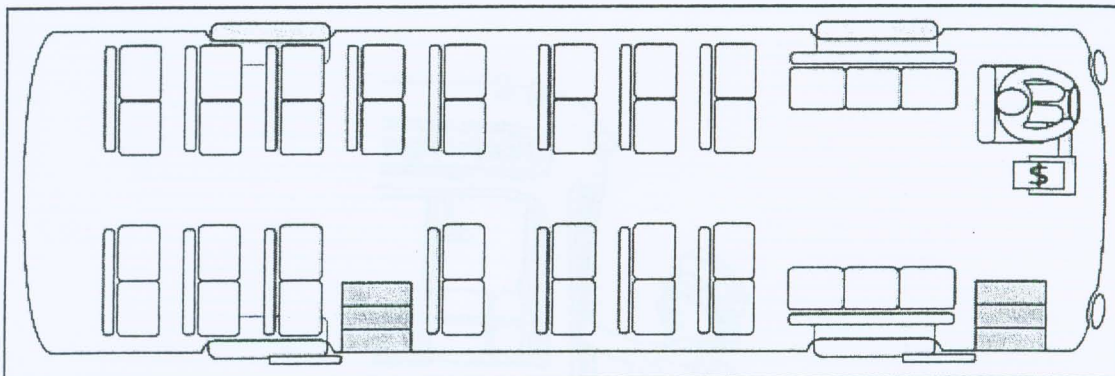


## Rosa Parks Changed the Rules

December 1, 1955 was the day on which Rosa Parks took her famous bus ride. Read the rules for bus riders during that time:

1. White people boarded the bus through the front door. They dropped their coins into the fare box next to the driver. Then they sat in one of the long seats at the front of the bus, the first row of seats, or stood in the white standing area in the front.
2. Black people boarded the bus through the front door. They dropped their coins into the fare box. Then they had to get off the bus and reenter through the back door. They took a seat in one of the last seven rows or they stood in the black "standing only" area at the back of the bus.
3. If a white person got on the bus and there were no more seats in the white section and the white standing area was full, the bus driver could turn a black row of seats into a white row. The bus driver could make a black person give up his or her seat for the white person.

Study the drawing of a bus like the one Rosa rode on. Then follow the directions below.



1. Color the driver's place with a blue crayon.
2. Use a green crayon to color the box where people inserted their bus fare coins.
3. Color with a red crayon the bus seats that were for white people.
4. Use a black crayon to color the seats that were for black people.
5. Write the words "Front Door" by the front door of the bus.
6. Write the words "Back Door" by the back door of the bus.
7. Circle one of the black rows of seats towards the front of the bus with a red circle. This shows that a black person could lose their seat if a white person needed it.

Look on the back to read about Rosa Parks and her famous bus ride.